

What we claim is:

1. 1. A method for evaluating measuring signals of an electromagnetic field which is in interaction with an electrically conductive fluid for detecting components in the fluid which differ with respect to the electric conductivity of the fluid, characterized in that the measuring signals are divided into at least two channels and are evaluated in order to detect different distributions and concentrations in the fluid.
2. 2. The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the electromagnetic field is generated by at least one transmitter coil flowed through by an alternating current, the fluid is a flowing metallic melt and is penetrated at least partly by the field at a measuring point flowed through by the same and entrained non-metallic components are detected at the measuring point by means of disturbances in the field, with non-metallic components which are entrained in a contiguous fashion in a manner expanded in the direction of flow being detected in the melt on the basis of disturbances in the electromagnetic field in a first channel above a lower cut-off frequency  $f_{Gu}$ , and simultaneously components distributed discretely in the melt being detected in the melt in a second channel above an upper cut-off frequency  $f_{Go}$ .
3. 3. The method as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that the flowing metallic melt is a steel melt flowing from a metallurgical vessel and the non-metallic components are slag and/or gases.
4. 4. The method as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that a product of cut-off frequency  $f_{Go}$  and the flow speed  $v$  is between  $0.1 \text{ m/s}^2$  to  $10 \text{ m/s}^2$  at the measuring point.
5. 5. The method as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that a product of cut-off frequency  $f_{Gu}$  and the flow speed  $v$  is between  $0.001 \text{ m/s}^2$  to  $0.01 \text{ m/s}^2$  at the measuring point.
6. 6. The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that a disturbance of the electromagnetic field generated by a transmitter coil is detected on the basis of a disturbance of the voltage induced in a receiver coil.



- 1       **12.** The apparatus as claimed in claim 7, characterized in that the transmitter coil can also  
2                          be flowed through by the melt.
- 1       **13.** The apparatus as claimed in claim 7, characterized in that the transmitter coil is  
2                          simultaneously the measuring element.
- 1       **14.** The apparatus as claimed in claim 11, characterized in that the transmitter and/or  
2                          receiver coil are each individually arranged in a metallic housing which is at least  
3                          partly non-ferromagnetic.
- 1       **15.** The apparatus as claimed in claim 11, characterized in that the transmitter and receiver  
2                          coils are arranged in a common metallic housing which is at least partly  
3                          non-ferromagnetic.
- 1       **16.** The apparatus as claimed in claim 11, characterized in that the transmitter and receiver  
2                          coil are axially spaced from each other and are separated from each other by a metallic  
3                          wall and either both coils are arranged in a common housing or each coil is housed in  
4                          a separate housing, with the housing(s) consisting of a metallic material and the  
5                          metallic material being non-ferromagnetic at least in sections.
- 1       **17.** The apparatus as claimed in claim 11, characterized in that the transmitter and receiver  
2                          coils are integrated in at least one section of the pouring channel of a metallurgical  
3                          vessel.
- 1       **18.** A method of using the apparatus as claimed in claim 7, for initiating a warning signal  
2                          and/or a control signal for triggering a flow control device and/or a device for  
3                          modifying the flow of the metallic melt when detecting discrete and/or contiguous  
4                          impurities.